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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 04/14/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/07/07
Broiler/fryer	159,223	155,076
Light hens	1,220	1,255
Heavy hens	1,355	1,424

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	156	0	156
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	204	0	204
Same week yr ago	194	0	194
To-date/2007	2,918	14	2,932
To-date/2006	3,545	7	3,552

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,273	1,422	2,695
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,418	1,412	2,830
Same week yr ago	1,379	1,552	2,931
To-date/2007	18,589	18,929	37,518
To-date/2006	20,493	20,211	40,704

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	154,029	1,117	1,422	2,539
Avg Wt	5.43	3.16	7.83	5.78
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	158,956	1,214	1,412	2,626
Same wk yr ago	162,595	1,185	1,552	2,737
Avg Wt	5.34	3.30	8.14	6.04
To-date/2007	2,187,088	15,671	18,915	34,586
To-date/2006	2,251,168	16,948	20,204	37,152

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 162.01 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 155.9 million head, or 6.1 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	40,932	74,891	25,534	12,672	154,029
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.36	6.79	8.15	5.43
% of total /1	27%	48%	17%	8%	100%
Last week	42,711	80,444	25,807	9,994	158,956
Avg Live Wgt	3.81	5.36	6.93	8.18	5.38
% of total /1	27%	51%	16%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	53,212	75,397	20,671	13,315	162,595
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.43	6.99	8.18	5.34
% of total /1	33%	46%	13%	8%	100%
To date/2007	594,493	1,138,356	290,106	164,133	2,187,088
To date/2006	655,739	1,077,874	319,794	197,761	2,251,168

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	1,865	2,280	11	3	4,159
Avg Wt	16.54	38.11	26.62	45.52	28.41
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Same wk yr ago	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Avg Wt	18.30	38.47	26.01	34.60	28.91
To-date/2007	25,664	34,973	189	55	60,881
To-date/2006	24,849	34,644	301	83	59,877

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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